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## **Attempted Abduction (B19-007213)**

At 12:37 pm, on 10/17/19 the Bremerton Police Department was dispatched to Bud Hawk Elementary located at 2900 Austin Dr in Bremerton, WA to investigate an attempted abduction of a 16-year-old and her 4-year-old sibling who were leaving the school property about a half hour earlier (12:07pm).

The location where the attempted abduction occurred was just west of the school in the residential area of Jackson Park, specifically at the intersection of Barberry and Cascade Streets.

The suspect was described by the 16-year-old as driving a white van and wearing a black mask. He exited the van and walked toward her and was within four or five feet of the 4-year-old, at which point she picked up her sibling and ran home. He was believed to be a white male based on the exposed skin that was visible.

Bremerton Officers responded to the call. A broadcast was made to WSP, Kitsap County and other agencies to be looking for the van and driver.

A witness called 911 to report seeing a white van on Barberry Street around the time of the attempted abduction. This witness said the while male driver had a look of surprise on his face as he traveled eastbound on Barberry toward Cascade Street. She believes the van was a newer Ford with a black rack on top and a black trim stripe along the bottom part of the van as well as heavily tinted driver and passenger door windows.

We continue to investigate this incident with the assistance from other local law enforcement agencies. If you have information, especially video of the van in the residential area of Jackson Park, please **call Kitsap County 911** and provide it to an officer.

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